

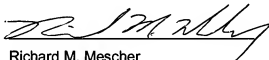
REMARKS:

Applicant has amended the claims to remove all multiple dependencies. Applicant has amended claims 3 to 5, 7, 9 to 11, 14 to 16, and 20 to 24, cancelled no claims, and added no new claims. Accordingly, claims 1 to 24 remain pending in the present application.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is found that the present amendment does not place the application in a condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests that the Examiner initiate a telephone interview to expedite prosecution of the application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-2326.

Respectfully submitted,



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